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## **Oh, What a Night! VocalMotion to Raise Money for The Arc of Wake County**

CARY, N.C. (Jan 15, 2010) – Treat yourself and your family to a special night of musical entertainment as [VocalMotion](#), the all-volunteer show choir sponsored by SAS, presents its 18<sup>th</sup> annual show *Oh, What A Night!* Join them for a fun-filled performance of singing and dancing with tunes like *Sing a Song, Born To Be Wild*, and *The House is Rockin'*. Then escape from the hectic pace of life as you relax to the mellow sounds of Jason Mraz, Frank Sinatra and The Carpenters. And it's "just too good to be true" as the group takes you back in time to the songs of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons with a crowd-pleasing medley from the hit Broadway musical *Jersey Boys*.

Each year, VocalMotion supports a charitable or nonprofit organization via donations collected at its annual performances. Last season, the group raised over \$7,600 for Community Music School of Raleigh. Performances for the 2010 season will benefit The Arc of Wake County ([www.arcwake.org](http://www.arcwake.org)), a nonprofit 501 (c) (3) organization that serves children and adults with developmental disabilities such as autism, Down syndrome and cerebral palsy. Steve Strom, Executive Director of The Arc, stated, "In a year where more individuals are requesting services from The Arc of Wake County, we are grateful that VocalMotion has chosen our agency to receive the funds raised through the performances. These funds will help our agency provide needed services to children and adults that will enable them to live and function with greater independence. We are also excited that our own choir, The M'n'M Singers, will be joining VocalMotion for a special song during the performance."

In addition to the performances at SAS, VocalMotion performs throughout the season for other local events. This past December, the group presented a preview of its upcoming show to a packed house and an overwhelming response at Cary Academy during a charity benefit for the Make-a-Wish Foundation. During the spring, VocalMotion will take its show on tour to retirement communities, festivals and other events.

VocalMotion's performances at SAS are Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 25-27, at 7 p.m., and Sunday, Feb. 28, at 3 p.m., in the Building V auditorium. SAS is located in Cary on Harrison Avenue near the I-40 interchange. For directions or more information about VocalMotion, visit [www.vocalmotion.org](http://www.vocalmotion.org) or call 677-8000, ext. 43236.

### **About VocalMotion**

VocalMotion is an all-volunteer show choir sponsored by SAS in Cary, NC. Formed in 1992, the group's members are employees, spouses and friends with a love for music and a dedication to bringing quality entertainment to one and all. VocalMotion has become an ambassador for SAS, performing throughout the community at retirement centers, community functions and charity events, as well as at company-sponsored events. Each year, the group performs a Broadway-style musical revue on the SAS campus, raising thousands of dollars for its designated charity. These performances consistently fill the company's 400-seat auditorium and receive rave reviews from the audience. Due to the generous sponsorship of SAS, VocalMotion is able to give 100 percent of all donations received to the designated charity.

### **About The Arc of Wake County**

The Arc, a national organization serving people with disabilities, was founded in 1950 by a group of parents concerned about the lack of services for their children with developmental disabilities. The Arc movement quickly spread throughout the United States. Since then, nearly 1000 state and local chapters of The Arc and their members have advocated for community services to support people with disabilities and their families. The Arc of Wake County and its members were active in establishing the first classes for children with developmental disabilities in the public schools, special programs in various churches, residential and employment programs, recreational opportunities and respite care services. Today, with a membership of nearly 250 individuals and families, The Arc of Wake County provides advocacy, information and referral, public awareness, and community education services. Visit them on the Web at [www.arcwake.org](http://www.arcwake.org).